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MEMO

To: Elder Care Clinicians at Vermont's Designated Agencies

From: Angela Smith-Dieng, Adult Services Division Director, DAIL

Date: April 28, 2020

Re: Definition of Homebound During COVID-19

Vermont's Elder Care Clinicians (ECCs) are tasked with providing clinical assessment and therapy to Vermonters age 60 and older who are primarily homebound. The Elder Care Clinician Program Manual sets forth the following eligibility criteria related to mobility status:

“Mobility Status: Clients must be primarily homebound. This means that they have difficulty accessing traditional office-based services due to physical, psychological and/or emotional barriers. This mobility status can and does shift for some clients.”¹

During the COVID-19 State of Emergency, this eligibility criteria is being relaxed, so that an older Vermonter who would normally be able to be served in an office and is now self-isolating at home due to COVID-19 and is in need of ECC services may be served by this program. Please note that all other eligibility criteria remain, including that the person must be age 60 or older, community dwelling, and services must be targeted to those in greatest need. See the program manual for more details.

Please note that this change is effective until the State of Emergency ends in Vermont.

If you have questions about this memo, please contact me at angela.smith-dieng@vermont.gov or 802-989-0454.

Thank you for your service to Vermonters!

¹ <https://asd.vermont.gov/sites/asd/files/documents/2019%20ECC%20Manual.pdf> (Section III, page 3).